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Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Office  
Action dated November 5, 2002 and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the  
outstanding rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the  
claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2.